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District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency Issues Hyperthermia Alert

(Washington, DC) – Today, due to a heat index of 98 degrees, the District of Columbia's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (DC HSEMA) has issued a hyperthermia alert and activated the District of Columbia Heat Emergency Plan. A hyperthermia alert is issued and the Heat Emergency Plan is activated whenever the temperature or heat index reaches 95 degrees. In response to this potentially dangerous heat, the District Government will open cooling centers throughout the city. Click [here](#) to view the 2015 Heat Emergency Plan and find information on cooling center locations.

Extreme heat causes significant impacts to individuals residing in public facilities, public housing, senior facilities, senior centers, and homeless shelters throughout the City. District agencies will activate their internal plans to ensure our residents, employees, and the public are protected against extreme heat. Residents and visitors are encouraged to find a cooling center near you. Recreation centers, DC public libraries, and senior wellness centers, are all places to beat the heat and are open to the public. These locations provide a cool place to rest and also provide water and activities.

Make sure you look out for your neighbors in the heat! If you see someone who needs help, contact the hyperthermia hotline at 1-800-535-7252.

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